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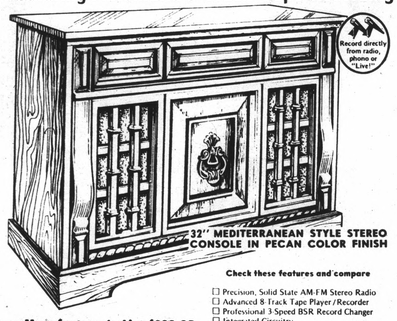

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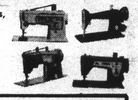

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

A warming trend will be welcomed, after an endless February of cold weather. A friend was telling me that he had his garden all plowed, the rows laid off, but that rain was needed to build up a ground reserve for dry mid-summer, and that prices might limit what he may plant. I, too, am anxious to get outdoors and into what may or may turn out to be a garden. With slight adjustments, I quote from a poem by Lyla Myers in Tony Wens 1941 Scrap Book...

My Chief delight in gardening
Is not in raising roses,
But breathing air that's not
From other people's noses.

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Mr. Ivey Holland is one of Appomattox's most civic-minded citizens. For some years he has been a leader in promoting the American Legion Oratorical Contests, and is Western District Chairman. This year, at Heritage H. S., the Appomattox contestant, Teresa Cyrus was the winner. Congratulations.

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March 3, 1845, Florida was admitted to the Union, and that was also the year Appomattox County was established. March has many anniversaries. In 1790, the first U. S. Census began, March 1. March 2, 1791, John Wesley Methodist founder, died. Sam Houston was born March 2, 1793.

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Many Appomattox business places honored Washington's Birthday by flying the Flag. Many of us delight in riding through town and seeing the Flag flying.

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Thanks to Mrs. A. B. Cole of Spout Spring for sending me a letter and clipping from a recent trip to Papillion, Nebraska, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Presley Powell, Dec. 1 to Feb. 15. Ah yes, we are proud of the words "Historic Appomattox" painted on our Town water tank, but guess what's on the water tank at Papillion! A Butterfly. The town if fifteen miles from Omaha, and Mrs. Cole enclosed a clipping from the Omaha newspaper, which I reprint below, from the column of Karen Huffman: "Astonishing Coindidences....Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy was elected in 1960. There are seven letters in each name. Both Presidents were slain on Friday; both were slain in the presence of their wives.... Kennedy's secretary Lincoln warned him not to go to Dallas; Lincoln's secretary Kennedy warned him not to go to the theater. Both of their successors were named Johnson, Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson. Each of these names contains a total of 13 letters. Both Johnsons served in the U. S. Senate and both were Southern Democrats. Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908, Andrew Johnson in 1808. The assassins, John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald (note each name has fifteen letters in it) were both Southerners, born exactly one hundred years apart...Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and then hid in a warehouse - Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and then hid in a theater. Both Booth and Oswald were murdered before trial could be arranged."

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Virginia is history-minded, as it should be. In the War Between the States, Virginia furnished over 150,000 men to the army, and of the battles and skirmishes, one-third were on Virginia soil. And the name Appomattox is ranked around the top in historical interest. Be proud of our Heritage.

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And I am proud to have YOU as readers, and if'n the warming trend hits this venerable typewriter, I seeya next week. Thanks for reading.

Ronald Spiggle, Commander of American Legion Post 104, left above, is shown presenting check for $25.00 on behalf of Post 104 to Teresa Cyrus, ACHS senior and winner in the National High School Oratorical Contest. Ivey Holland, right, holds plaque awarded to Teresa, District winner, on behalf of the 10th American Legion District.

Oratorical Contest Winner

Teresa Cyrus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cyrus of Route 2, Appomattox, represented Appomattox County High School in the American Legion sponsored National High School Oratorical Contest which was held at Brookville High School on February 3.

Miss Cyrus, a senior at ACHS, was declared winner in the District Contest.

On Friday, February 18 she competed in the Western District Contest representing the 10th American Legion District. This contest was held at Heritage High School in Lynchburg. Miss Cyrus was declared winner in the Western District competition.

This makes her eligible for competition in the State Finals which will be held at Colonial Heights High School, Colonial Heights, on March 3. The finalists in the State Contest will be eligible for participation in the National Regional and National Final Contest. The National winner will be awarded an $8,000.00 scholarship.

Miss Cyrus' subject for her oration was "The Constitution: A Document of Rights and Obligations."

Crumbs For Thought

By Zeke

Human intelligance, is said to be, a million or more years old but a jokester has added "it sure doesn't act its age." When one stops to reflect on the things that are happening and look at the things that are done by those so called intelligent beings, it makes one wonder. Yet the knowledge of God is everywhere and man seems to be unaware of it or its effect if gained.

"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Psalm 139:6

RECOGNITION PROGRAM ATTENDED BY ACHS STUDENTS

Central Virginia Chapter 101 of American Institute of Industrial Engineers held its third annual student recognition program at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 17, in the General Electric Company auditorium on Candlers Mountain road in Lynchburg.

Selected area high school students were invited to spend Thursday afternoon with engineers from area industries, gaining experience from inplnat exposure that will aid them in planning their engineering careers.

Seniors attending from Appomattox County High School were Mark D. Marshall and Randy W. Hipps; juniors attending were Robert W. Harris and Robert Dyess.

Area industries participating were Abbott Laboratories, Aerofin Corporation, Babcock & Wilcox Company, Burlington Industries, GE, Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, Carter Glass and Sons - Publishers, The Lane Company Lynchburg Foundry, Meredith/Burda, Inc., H. K. Porter Company and Winebarger Corporation.

High Schools taking part were Altavista, Amherst County, Appomattox County, Brookville, E. C. Glass, Heritage, Holy Cross, Gretna, Jefferson Forest, and Rustburg

Guest speakers for the meeting were Virginia Tech graduate students in the field of industrial engineering and operations research. Speakers and their topics were James W. Chrisis, "Analysis of an IMS System Through Simulation;" William R. Langham; "Optimal Economic Disposition of Spent Nuclear Fuel;" Deska L. Adams, "Locating Fire Stations at Airports to Meet Minimum Response Requirements;" and Kendall E. Nygard, "An Allocation Model for Planning Natural Gas Supply by Regions."

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Lloyd G. Walton has arranged a program on local efforts to assist students with hearing impairments. Miss Margaret Dickerson will be guest speaker for the evening.

Miss Dickerson came to the Appomattox County School System at the beginning of the 1976-77 session as teacher of the hearing impaired program when it was initiated in the school system. Her class is located at the Appomattox Elementary School and serves all children in the county who need instruction in her area.

Miss Dickerson, a native of Harrisonburg, is a 1971 graduate of Harrisonburg High School, received her B. A. degree in 1975 from Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee and in August of 1976 she received her Master of Science degree in deaf education from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee.

This will be a most interesting and informative program, one that no member of the Lions Club will want to miss.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Planned

A Leadership Gifts dinner sponsored by Watt Abbitt and Ivey Holland will be held on March 1st to kick-off the Boy Scout Fund Drive in Appomattox. A group of business people who have shown special interest in the scouting program will be invited and asked to pledge their financial support toward the continuance of the Scout Program in the county.

Beginning March 10th, a community-wide Fund Drive will be conducted by members of the Lions Club, one of the sponsoring organizations for Boy Scout troops.

The total campaign goal has been set at $2500.00 for Appomattox County.

Timber & Taxes Workshop

Sponsored By Cooperative Extension Service School of Forestry — Wildlife Resources Va. Polytechnic Institute & State University and Westvaco

Many forest landowners pay too much income tax. The provisions of the Internal Revenue Code are often difficult and it is likely that many timber owners are not calculating their tax correctly. This may result from failure to use the special tax provisons relating to timber, failure to take full advantage of deductions permitted by law, or on the other hand, claiming as deductions certain expenditures which should be capitalized.

A Timber and Taxes Workshop for forest landowners will be held at Westvaco's Office on Court Street in Appomattox, Virginia. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Refreshments and coffee will be provided during the session. Lunch is on your own.

During the course of the session you will:

- Briefly look into the history of the tax law
- Discuss the costs of forest ownership and operation
- Discuss the importance of record keeping and the types of records that should be kept
- Discuss how you can qualify for Capital Gains benefits on the sale of timber
- Discuss how timber receipts and expenditures should be

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Record Sales Year Announced By Armstrong Cork Company

LANCASTER, PA., – Armstrong Cork Company has announced estimated results for 1976 that represent record sales and the second highest level of operating earnings in the company's history.

Armstrong's estimated world wide sales last year were $981.2 million, compared with sales of $859.4 million in 1975. Total estimated consolidated earnings, including an after-tax gain of $12.4 million that resulted from the sale of certain unneeded woodland properties, amounted to $64.7 million or $2.49 per share. The company reported that its estimated 1976 operating earnings were $52.3 million, or $2.01 per share of common stock. Operating earnings in 1975 were $34.9 million, or $1.34 per share.

The company's audited final results for 1976 will be shown in its annual report to stockholders, scheduled to be issued in early March.

Armstrong president James H. Binns characterized 1976 as a year "of conflicting developments–substantial improvement in the performance of our businesses at home, and less than satisfactory results by our affiliated companies abroad."

Among the factors noted by Binns as adversely affecting the company's internationally - based businesses in 1976 were sizable market development and pre-start costs involving a new flooring plant in Great Britain, costs associated with discontinuation of woven carpet operations in Canada, and higher operating costs resulting from currency fluctuations in greater Europe.

Looking to 1977, Binns said he anticipates a continuation of gradual upward movement of the general economy of the United States, and improved business climates abroad. "In this situation," he said, "we would expect that our domestic operations will be able to at least maintain their established paterns of profitable growth, and we are confident, too, of improved results from our internationally-based businesses."

Armstrong Cork Company, with headquarters at Lancaster Pa., manufactures and markets a comprehensive range of interior furnishings, including resilient flooring and carpets, ceiling systems, and furniture; and a variety of specialty products for the building, automotive, textile, and other industries.

Operations at Armstrong Furniture Company, a subsidiary of Armstrong Cork Company, located in Appomattox began in December of 1974 with approximately 125 persons employed. they now employ approximately 500 workers and construction of an addition to the plant is underway.

When the addition to the local Armstrong Furniture Company is completed, approximately 14 acres will be under roof at the local plant.

Jamerson Signs With Clemson

Philip Jamerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. (Bill) Jamerson has agreed to play his college football at Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.

Coach Joe Kines, an assistant to Head Coach, Charlie Pell, signed Phillip to a grant-in-aid, Monday night, ending the bidding for the services of this talented athlete.

Jamerson was a consistant performer throughout his high school career, playing offense and defense. He began playing varsity football under Coach Jerry Robinson during his sophomore year and was named to the second team all-district at the offensive tackle position. In his junior year Coach Larry Carter used him at offensive guard and he was voted second team all-district at that position. He played offensive guard and defensive tackle during his senior eyar, made first team all-district and was voted Seminole District "Lineman of the Year".

In going to Clemson, Phillip will be joining successful Head Coach Charlie Pell, a former Assistant Coach and Defensive Co-orinator at Virginia Tech and former Head Coach at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama where he compiled a 37 to 1 record.

Phillip said, "I am proud to be going to Clemson and will start getting in shape right away."

Record-High Travel Year Posted In 1976

Selected To Participate In 1977 Governor's School For Gifted

Laurie Selz, left, and David Berlin Eye, right, rising seniors at Appomattox County High School, have been selected to participate in the 1977 Governor's School for the Gifted, the fifth of its kind to be held in Virginia.

As two of 140 rising junior and senior high school students who will be attending the School at Mary Washington College, June 19 - July 16, will have a rewarding and enriching experience. The School is designed for the gifted and talented in the fine arts, the humanities, the natural and physical sciences, and/or history and the social sciences.

Approximately 425 gifted students will attend either Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, or Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg.

Students are nominated on the basis of mental ability and/or creativity, leadership, maturity, and achievement. A selection process at the State level determines who is selected. All expenses of participants in the School will be paid by the State Department of Education.

Laurie is the daughter of Mrs. B. N. Selz of Route 1, Concord and David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eye of Appomattox.

The County of Appomattox played a significant part in Virginia's posting a record-high $1,630,000,000 travel year in 1976, according to a study released by the Virginia State Travel Service.

Expenditures by all travelers in the county amounted to $31,992,00, or 2.3 percent of the county's retail business. Local sales tax generated by these travelers is included in this figure.

Total sales for travel-related businesses here amounted to $7,829,000 or 32.5 percent of retail business.

According to the Virginia travel report, prepared by Dr. Lewis C. Copeland, College of Business Administration at the University of Tennessee, there are 60 active firms in the county involved in the travel and tourism business, with 223 owners and workers. These businesses include hotels and lodging places, eating and drinking places, recreation including movie theaters, auto services, gasoline stations and passenger carriers.

Statewide, the $1.63 billion in expenditures recorded by the Old Dominion's travel industry represented an increase of 12 percent over 1975. The report also states that our-of-state travelers made 55 million person-trips to or through Virginia last year–reflecting an eight percent increase over 1975–and spent an estimated $960 million.

According to the report, travel spending in Virginia accounted for nine percent of total retail sales. Travel spending fully supported 85,900 full-time jobs for Virginians and helped to support 83,000 more, for a total of 171,900 persons engaged in travel-related businesses in Virginia.

Indicating the dramatic growth of travel in Virginia over the past three decades, the report showed that total travel spending has risen from $190 million in 1948 to $1.63 billion in 1976. Concerning expenditures only by out-of-state travelers to or through the Old Dominion, the figure has risen from $113 million in 1948 to $960 million last year.

March of Dimes Scholarships

The Central Virginia Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes is taking applications for the scholarships given annually to students entering health careers. Last year scholarships were presented to ten students from the Central Virginia area. These scholarships totaled $4,000 divided among these students. Last years recipients were Rosie Campbell, Lewesville, Kaye Chenault, Appomattox, Patricia Cofflin, Lynchburg, Robin Dudley, Altavista, Bonnie Fortney, Forest, Cheryl Gay, Lynchburg, Dianne Murphy, Lynchburg, Frances Napier, Concord, Verndale Ware, Rustburg, and Mary Wilburn from Forest, Va.

All high schools in the Central Virginia Chapter area receive notification of the program with applications which are sent in the guidance department. The Health Career Scholarship Committee spreads out the awards throughout the area.

Deadline for applicants is April 1, 1977 and those wishing to apply should get in tough with their school guidance department or the Central Virginia Chapter, March of Dimes Office in Lynchburg.

Teachers, Parents, Students Plan Spring Bazaar

Preparations are now being made by teachers, parents, and students of the Appomattox Middle School for a spring bazaar that will take place on May 13 and May 14. The hours for the bazaar, according to Becky Leonard the Publicity Chairman, will be Friday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

This spring activity is being sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association in cooperation with the Student Council Association. Various classes and clubs within the school will be making projects to be sold and the support of parents and friends in contributing their projects will be greatly appreciated. All items should be turned in to the school by Wed., May 11.

A three-point purpose for the bazaar has been made by the planning committee - one, the opportunity of teachers, parents and students working together; two, to provide a service for the community; and three, for the proceeds of the sale to be spent for school improvements to update some of the existing facilities such as a learning center for the library. The committee has set a goal of $1,000 for this project.

The bazaar will consist of several shops, all to be set up in the school gym. The COUNTRY STORE will consist of baked goods, jellies, pickles, and other food items. The PLANT SHOP will have house plants, hanging baskets, and flowers suitable for spring planting. Art work, woodcraft, candles and handmade articles will be featured in the ARTS & CRAFTS SHOP. The CHILDREN'S SHOP will contain articles of interest to children, such as games, stuffed animals, doll clothes, and puzzles. The **ODDS & ENDS SHOP** will be made up of those things that are in good conditions but no longer used or needed by the owner but may be of use to someone else. An auction will be held at a given time during the bazaar hours. Some of the handicrafts will be used at this event.